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BILL ON LAND EASEMENTS GAZETTED
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A BILL, WHICH AIMS TO EXTEND THE POWERS OF THE GOVERNOR TO ACQUIRE EASEMENTS TO THE ACQUISITION OF OTHER PERMANENT RIGHTS AND TO TEMPORARY RIGHTS OF OCCUPATION, WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY.

THE BILL, KNOWN AS THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY (LAND RESUMPTION AND RELATION PROVISIONS) AMENDMENT BILL 1983, WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON OCTOBER 12.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT UNDER THE EXISTING LEGISLATION THE GOVERNOR COULD ONLY CREATE, BY ORDER, EASEMENTS IN FAVOUR OF THE CROWN IN, UNDER OR OVER THE LAND IN THE RAILWAYS AREA FOR THE PURPOSES OF, AND INCIDENTAL TO, THE RAILWAY.

+THIS MEANS THAT THE POWER OF THE GOVERNOR IS LIMITED TO THE CREATION OF COMMON LAW EASEMENTS, WHEREAS IT MAY SOMETIMES BE NECESSARY TO ACQUIRE TEMPORARY AND PERMANENT RIGHTS, OTHER THAN COMMON LAW EASEMENTS, OVER LEASED LAND FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE RAILWAY,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT AN EXAMPLE OF A PERMANENT RIGHT WHICH MIGHT NEED TO BE CREATED BUT COULD NOT BE PROVIDED BY MEANS OF A COMMON LAW EASEMENT RELATED TO GROUND ANCHORS.

THESE, HE ADDED, WERE ENGINEERING DEVICES WHICH MADE USE OF THE UNDERGROUND STRATA OF NEIGHBOURING LAND TO PROVIDE SUPPORT TO CONSTRUCTION BUT LEAVE IRRETRIEVABLE MATERIALS PERMANENTLY IN THE GROUND AFTER THAT SUPPORT WAS NO LONGER REQUIRED.

AN EXAMPLE OF A TEMPORARY RIGHT WHICH MIGHT BE REQUIRED BUT COULD NOT BE PROVIDED BY A COMMON LAW EASEMENT, HE ADDED, WAS WHERE TEMPORARY AND EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS OF ACCESS WERE REQUIRED TO A CONSTRUCTION SITE ON LEASED LAND.

THE AMENDMENTS INCLUDE PROPOSALS TO EXTEND THE PROVISIONS FOR COMPENSATION UNDER THE ORDINANCE.

THE BILL IS EXPECTED TO RECEIVE ITS SECOND AND THIRD READINGS ON NOVEMBER 9.

ANYONE WHO WISHES TO COMMENT ON THE PROVISIONS OF THE BILL CAN WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.

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'PRESSURES INCREASE FOR HIGHER TRANSPORT COSTS'
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PRESSURES ON THE OPERATORS OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES IN HONG KONG ARE INCREASING, SAID THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, MR PETER LEEDS.

MR LEEDS WAS ADDRESSING THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG ISLAND WEST TODAY.

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+WE HAVE REACHED THE SITUATION WHERE EACH INCREMENT OF INVESTMENT IN TRANSPORT WILL GIVE LESS REAL RETURN. THE END RESULT IS THAT, WITH BOTH RISING CAPITAL AND OPERATING COSTS AND DIMINISHING PROFITABILITY, THERE HAS BEEN INCREASED PRESSURE FOR FARES TO GO UP AT A HIGHER RATE THAN IN THE PAST,+ MR LEEDS SAID.

FIGURES REVEALED THAT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PASSENGERS CARRIED ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT INCREASED BY 97 PER CENT OVER THE PAST 20 YEARS -- FROM 971 MILLION IN 1962 TO 1 919 MILLION IN 1982.

THE INCREASE IN DEMAND NECESSITATED THE EXPANSION OF THE PUBLIC TRANSPORT NETWORK, AND MUCH INVESTMENT.

+BUT UNTIL RECENT YEARS FARE INCREASES WERE KEPT WELL BELOW THE RATES AT WHICH PERSONAL INCOMES AND THE CHARGES FOR OTHER SERVICES AND COMMODITIES WERE RISING,+ MR LEEDS SAID.

HE EXPLAINED THAT THIS WAS POSSIBLE BECAUSE THERE WERE OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONSIDERABLE SAVINGS IN OPERATING COSTS.

+IN THE IMMEDIATE POST-WAR YEARS PUBLIC TRANSPORT WAS VERY PROFITABLE, SO PROFITABLE THAT MOST OF THE OPERATORS WERE ABLE TO PAY ROYALTIES TO GOVERNMENT. THE ROYALTIES WERE WAIVED SOME YEARS AGO TO HELP PRESERVE THE LOW FARE STRUCTURE,+ MR LEEDS SAID.

IN RECENT YEARS, MUCH OF THE FAT HAS BEEN TRIMMED OFF SO THAT +THERE HAS BEEN LESS OF A BUFFER TO SHIELD FARES FROM THE DIRECT EFFECTS OF INCREASED OPERATING COSTS+.

+AT THE SAME TIME THERE HAS BEEN THE INCREASING ADVERSE FACTOR OF THE LOSS OF OPERATING EFFICIENCY THROUGH WORSENING ROAD CONGESTION,+ MR LEEDS ADDED.

MR LEEDS POINTED OUT THAT IN THE LAST DECADE - 1972 TO 1982 - THERE WAS AN UNPRECEDENTED MASSIVE EXPANSION IN THE PUBLIC TRANSPORT NETWORK:

TWO NEW MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY LINES, WHICH NOW CARRY NEARLY 1.2 MILLION PASSENGERS A DAY. AN IMPROVED KCR SERVICE WHICH, WITH THE COMPLETION OF THE ELECTRIFICATION, IS NOW CARRYING 170 000 PASSENGERS A DAY. THE BUS COMPANIES HAVE INCREASED THEIR NUMBER OF PASSENGERS CARRIED PER DAY FROM 1.83 MILLION TO 3.5 MILLION.

+THIS RAPID EXPANSION,+ SAID MR LEEDS, +WAS NECESSARY TO MEET INCREASING DEMAND AND ALSO TO MAKE UP SOME OF THE SHORT-COMINGS IN THE QUALITY OF THE SERVICE THAT WAS EXPERIENCED BEFOREHAND.+

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE POLICY IN HONG KONG HAS BEEN TO KEEP FARES AS LOW AS POSSIBLE WITHOUT RECOURSE TO DIRECT SUBSIDIES. +SO FAR THIS HAS BEEN ACHIEVED THROUGH THE COMMERCIAL EFFICIENCY THAT REMAINS A FEATURE OF THIS TERRITORY'S FREE ENTERPRISE SYSTEM,+ HE SAID.

+FOR THE TIME BEING, TRANSPORT COSTS ARE, COMPARED TO THE OTHER ESSENTIALS OF LIFE, STILL RELATIVELY LOW,+ MR LEEDS SAID.

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UNOFFICIALS TO MOVE 'EMPLOYMENT BILL' AMENDMENTS

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UNOFFICIAL MEMBER MR T.S. LO WILL MOVE AMENDMENTS TO FIVE CLAUSES OF THE EMPLOYMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL 1983 DURING THE COMMITTEE STAGE OF THE BILL IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY (OCTOBER 12).

MR LO IS A MEMBER OF THE AD HOC GROUP OF 22 UNOFFICIAL LEGCO MEMBERS CONSIDERING THE BILL.

THE CONVENOR OF THE AD HOC GROUP IS MR PETER C. WONG.

MR LO WILL MOVE AMENDMENTS TO THE EFFECT THAT THE MAXIMUM ACCUMULATION OF PAID SICK LEAVE TO 120 DAYS BE DIVIDED INTO TWO CATEGORIES. CATEGORY 1 COMPRISES 36 DAYS WHICH AN EMPLOYEE CAN CLAIM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CURRENT PROVISIONS AND CATEGORY 2 COMPRISES THE REMAINING 84 DAYS WHICH THE EMPLOYEE CAN TAKE ONLY ON PRODUCTION OF A MEDICAL CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY A MEDICAL PRACTITIONER ATTENDING THE EMPLOYEE AS AN OUT-PATIENT OR IN-PATIENT IN A HOSPITAL.

HE WILL ALSO PROPOSE TO REDUCE THE SICK LEAVE EARNING RATE TO TWO DAYS PER MONTH FOR THE FIRST YEAR OF EMPLOYMENT AND FOUR DAYS PER MONTH FOR THE SECOND YEAR ONWARDS.

THE BILL ORIGINALLY PROVIDED FOR TWO DAYS PER MONTH FOR THE FIRST THREE MONTHS AND FOUR DAYS PER MONTH THEREAFTER.

DURING THE COMMITTEE STAGE, THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR RON BRIDGE, WILL MOVE AN AMENDMENT THAT THE BILL, IF PASSED, +SHALL COME INTO OPERATION OF A DAY TO BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR BY NOTICE IN THE GAZETTE.+

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

REPORT ON WORKERS' PROBLEMS

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A PRESS CONFERENCE TO ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF A REPORT SUBMITTED BY THE WORKING GROUP ON PROBLEMS EXPERIENCED BY WORKERS OF COMPANIES IN RECEIVERSHIP WILL BE HELD IN THE GIS THEATRE AT 3.30 PM ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 10).

THE CONFERENCE WILL BE ATTENDED BY MR RON BRIDGE, THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR; MR E.J. DAVISON, DEPUTY PRINCIPAL SOLICITOR OF THE OFFICIAL RECEIVER'S OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT, AND MR ALFRED CHAN, SENIOR LABOUR OFFICER OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CONFERENCE.

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OLD ID CARDS TO BECOME INVALID
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THE OLD IDENTITY CARDS ISSUED TO MALE RESIDENTS BORN BETWEEN 1964 AND 1960 WILL BE DECLARED INVALID AT THE END OF THIS MONTH, THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THESE WILL BE THE FIRST LOT OF OLD ID CARDS TO BE INVALIDATED SINCE THE INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW ID CARD ISSUE SCHEME.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN WARNED THAT ANYONE IN THE ABOVE AGE GROUPS FOUND TO BE HOLDING AN OLD ID CARD AFTER IT HAS BECOME INVALID IS BOUND TO SUFFER INCONVENIENCE AND MAY EVEN BE LIABLE TO PROSECUTION.

HE SAID THAT THESE AGE GROUPS HAD BEEN GIVEN AMPLE TIME TO CHANGE THEIR OLD CARDS FOR NEW ONES DURING VARIOUS PHASES OF THE SCHEME.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID: +ACCORDING TO OUR RECORDS, MORE THAN 300 000 OUT OF AN ESTIMATED TOTAL OF 313 800 MEN WITHIN THESE AGE BRACKETS HAVE APPLIED FOR NEW ID CARDS, LEAVING AN OUTSTANDING FIGURE OF ABOUT 5 000.+

+APART FROM THOSE WHO ARE BELIEVED TO BE AWAY FROM HONG KONG, THE REST ARE ADVISED TO VISIT THE EIGHT ISSUE OFFICES DURING THE CURRENT PHASE ENDING ON OCTOBER 29,+ HE SAID.

THESE OFFICES ARE OPEN BETWEEN 8 AM AND 9.30 PM, MONDAYS TO SATURDAYS.

THOSE WHO ARE AWAY FROM HONG KONG AND WILL NOT BE BACK BEFORE THE DEADLINE SHOULD APPLY WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THEIR RETURN.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO REMINDED EMPLOYERS THAT UNDER THE IMMIGRATION ORDINANCE, THEY ARE REQUIRED TO UPDATE THE RECORDS OF THEIR EMPLOYEES AND NOTE DOWN THEIR NEW IDENTITY CARD NUMBERS.

+ANY EMPLOYER WHO IS NOT SURE OF HOW TO GO ABOUT IT MAY SEEK ADVICE FROM THE WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS DIVISION OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT,+ HE ADDED.

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HOLMES TO HEAD FIRE SERVICES
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THE DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES, MR FREDERICK WATSON, WILL BE RETIRING FROM PUBLIC SERVICE IN APRIL 1984.

HE WILL BE SUCCEEDED BY MR ROBERT HOLMES, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES, WHOSE PROMOTION HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS.

/MR WATSON

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MR WATSON JOINED THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT AS A STATION OFFICER IN MARCH 1955. HE GAINED SUCCESSIVE PROMOTIONS TO BECOME DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER 1975.

MR HOLMES, AGED 52, JOINED THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT IN AUGUST 1957 AS A STATION OFFICER.

HE WAS PROMOTED TO ASSISTANT DIVISIONAL OFFICER IN DECEMBER 1961, TO DIVISIONAL OFFICER IN MAY 1962, TO SENIOR FIRE OFFICER I IN NOVEMBER 1965, TO ASSISTANT CHIEF FIRE OFFICER IN FEBRUARY 1968 AND TO CHIEF FIRE OFFICER IN JUNE 1970.

HE HAS BEEN DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES SINCE AUGUST 1981 AND HAS ACTED AS DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS.

MR HOLMES WAS AWARDED THE COLONIAL POLICE MEDAL FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE IN 1970 AND THE QUEEN'S FIRE SERVICES MEDAL IN 1974. HE WAS APPOINTED AN OFFICIAL JUSTICE OF THE PEACE IN JULY 1979.

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FEWER YOUNG MALES PROSECUTED FOR CRIME * * * *

THE NUMBER OF YOUNG MALES AGED BETWEEN 14 AND 20 PROSECUTED FOR CRIME HAS DROPPED SINCE THE LAUNCHING OF A MAJOR FIGHT YOUTH CRIME CAMPAIGN ON JULY 1 BY SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, CHAIRMAN OF THE RECENTLY RECONSTITUTED FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE.

THE COMMITTEE, AT ITS THIRD MEETING TO-DAY, WAS TOLD THERE HAD BEEN A 5.84 PER CENT DROP COMPARED WITH THE SAME THREE MONTHS LAST YEAR.

THE MOST SIGNIFICANT DECLINE WAS RECORDED IN SEPTEMBER WHEN A TOTAL OF 673 YOUNG MALES WERE PROSECUTED, A DECREASE OF 155, OR 18.7 PER CENT, WHEN COMPARED TO SEPTEMBER, 1982.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COMMITTEE SAID : "THE FIGURES ARE MOST ENCOURAGING AND, HOPEFULLY, THE NUMBER OF YOUNG MEN BECOMING INVOLVED IN CRIME WILL CONTINUE TO DECLINE."

THE COMMITTEE DISCUSSED MATTERS AS DIVERSE AS SECURITY OF GOLDSMITH AND JEWELLERY SHOPS, THE USE OF FIREARMS IN CRIME, JUVENILE DELINQUENCY, TRIADS, ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF HANDCUFFS, IDENTIFICATION PARADE PROCEDURES AND DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEES.

THE COMMITTEE WILL SUBMIT ITS FIRST SIX MONTHLY REPORT TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL IN DECEMBER.

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MORE JOBS FOUND FOR DISABLED

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THE SELECTIVE PLACEMENT SERVICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT FOUND JOBS FOR 792 DISABLED PERSONS IN THE YEAR ENDING IN AUGUST — A 53 PER CENT INCREASE OVER THE PREVIOUS 12 MONTHS.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR RON BRIDGE, WHEN HE PRESENTED SOUVENIR PLAQUES TO THE 10 LOCAL EMPLOYERS WHO EMPLOYED THE LARGEST NUMBER OF DISABLED PERSONS THROUGH THE SERVICE.

HE SAID ALSO THAT THE INCREASED PLACEMENT RATE SHOULD BE SEEN IN THE CONTEXT OF THE DIFFICULT ECONOMIC SITUATION DURING THE YEAR UNDER REVIEW.

+SO IT IS CLEAR THAT EMPLOYERS HAVE SHOWN GREATER SUPPORT FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF DISABLED PEOPLE. I AM CONFIDENT THIS IMPROVEMENT WILL CONTINUE AND AM PARTICULARLY GRATEFUL TO THOSE EMPLOYERS, SUCH AS THOSE REPRESENTED HERE TODAY, WHO HAVE TAKEN A LEAD,+ HE SAID.

REFERRING TO THE INSCRIPTION, +FRIENDSHIP, A WAY TO INTEGRATION+, — ON THE PLAQUE, MR BRIDGE POINTED OUT THAT THIS HAD BEEN CHOSEN BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC EDUCATION ON REHABILITATION AS THE THEME OF ALL ACTIVITIES RELATING TO REHABILITATION WORK FOR 1983.

MR BRIDGE SAID THAT WHEN A DISABLED PERSON FOUND HIMSELF IN A NEW WORKING ENVIRONMENT HE WOULD BE WORRIED ABOUT HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH HIS ABLE-BODIED FELLOW WORKERS AND SUPERVISORS. HE STRESSED THAT A PATIENT AND UNDERSTANDING ATTITUDE FROM COLLEAGUES AND SUPERVISORS WOULD HELP TO RELIEVE THIS ANXIETY AND HELP HIM TO ADJUST QUICKLY.

HOWEVER, HE POINTED OUT THAT THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR HELPING A DISABLED PERSON ADJUST TO A NEW WORK ENVIRONMENT DID NOT LIE SOLELY WITH HIS EMPLOYER.

THE SERVICE, ON ITS PARTS, HAD RECENTLY PURCHASED NEW WORK SAMPLE KITS TO HELP PLACEMENT OFFICERS UNDERSTAND THE APTITUDES AND CAPABILITIES OF JOB-SEEKERS IN STILL GREATER DETAIL. IN ADDITION, THE SERVICES OF THE MULTI-DISCIPLINARY VOCATIONAL ASSESSMENT CENTRE WERE BEING USED FOR MORE COMPREHENSIVE VOCATIONAL ASSESSMENT OF DISABLED PERSONS.

PLACEMENT OFFICERS ALSO MAINTAINED CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE EMPLOYER AND THE DISABLED PERSON DURING HIS FIRST THREE MONTHS ON THE JOB SO THAT THEY COULD HELP RESOLVE ANY PROBLEMS WHICH MIGHT ARISE.

REFERRING TO THE EMPLOYAID FUND SCHEME SET UP EARLY THIS YEAR, MR BRIDGE SAID THAT EMPLOYERS COULD OBTAIN REFUNDS FROM THE SCHEME FOR EXPENDITURE INCURRED IN ADAPTING THEIR PREMISES TO TAKE ON DISABLED PEOPLE.

IN CONCLUSION, HE ALSO THANKED 235 OTHER EMPLOYERS EACH OF WHOM HAD GIVEN AN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY TO AT LEAST ONE DISABLED PERSON DURING THE PAST YEAR.

MTR ISLAND LINE PLAN 15A AMENDED
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THE EXISTING RAILWAY AREA PLAN NO. 15A FOR THE ISLAND LINE OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY BETWEEN VICTORIA PARK AND SHAU KEI WAN, HAS BEEN AMENDED BY THE DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY (LAND RESUMPTION AND RELATED PROVISIONS) ORDINANCE.

A COPY OF THE SUBSTITUTE PLAN, RAILWAY AREA PLAN NO. 15B, WHICH REPLACES THE PREVIOUSLY GAZETTED RAILWAY AREA PLAN NO. 15A FOR THIS SECTION OF THE ISLAND LINE, HAS BEEN DEPOSITED IN THE LAND OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT. COPIES OF THE SUBSTITUTE PLAN MAY BE INSPECTED FREE OF CHARGE AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, GROUND FLOOR, HONG KONG- AT THE LANDS DEPARTMENT OFFICES, MURRAY BUILDING (5TH FLOOR), GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG AND AT ANY DISTRICT OFFICE.

THE PLAN INCORPORATES ALL LAND PREVIOUSLY SHOWN ON THE REPLACED RAILWAY AREA PLAN NO. 15A AND ADDITIONAL LAND IN MODEL LANE AND PAK FUK ROAD, NORTH POINT.

IT WILL ASSIST PROPERTY OWNERS, WHOSE LAND MAY BE AFFECTED BY RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION, IN IDENTIFYING THE EXTENT OF THE LAND INCLUDED IN THE RAILWAY AREA.

IN THE EVENT THAT LAND WITHIN THE RAILWAY AREA ARE RESUMED OR EASEMENTS ARE CREATED FOR THE PURPOSES OF BUILDING AND OPERATING THE ISLAND LINE, COMPENSATION WILL BE PAID TO THOSE ELIGIBLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY (LAND RESUMPTION AND RELATED PROVISIONS) ORDINANCE.

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TENDERS CALLED FOR KCR WORKS
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THE RAILWAY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE COMPLETION OF REMAINING WORKS IN CONNECTION WITH THE ELECTRIFICATION OF THE KOWLOON CANTON RAILWAY.

WORK ON THE CONTRACT, AMONG OTHER THINGS, INCLUDES THE DEMOLITION OF MINOR STRUCTURES AND BUILDINGS AT ABANDONED STATIONS, MINOR MODIFICATIONS TO EXISTING BRIDGE PARAPETS AND WING WALLS AND EMBANKMENT WIDENING AND COMPACTION.

OTHER WORK WILL INVOLVE THE EXTENSION OF AN EXISTING CONCRETE CULVERT AND CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW FOOTBRIDGE NEAR THE SHA TIN STATION.

WORK WILL START IN LATE 1983 AND BE COMPLETED BY MID-1985.

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PARK FIRE RISK STRESSED
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DRIED VEGETATION, BRANCHES AND TREES FELLED BY TYPHOON ELLEN WILL BE ADDING TO THE RISK OF FIRES IN THE COUNTRYSIDE THIS YEAR.

AND THE GREATER NUMBER OF VISITORS TO THE COUNTRYSIDE, ESPECIALLY TO THE COUNTRY PARKS, ANTICIPATED DURING FINE AND DRY WEATHER WILL ADD MUCH MORE TO THESE FIRE HAZARDS.

SENIOR COUNTRY PARKS OFFICER OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, MR K.C. IU GAVE THESE OBSERVATIONS DURING A PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE TWISK MANAGEMENT CENTRE IN THE TAI LAM COUNTRY PARK TODAY (FRIDAY) TO LAUNCH THIS YEAR'S COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN.

MR IU SAID THE AUTUMN WEATHER IS ESPECIALLY WELCOMED BY OLD AND YOUNG ALIKE AFTER A HOT, RAINY SUMMER.

+CONTRARY TO COMMON BELIEF, A WET SUMMER LIKE THE ONE JUST PAST IS NO REASON FOR COMPLACENCY WHEN IT COMES TO HILLFIRES,+ HE SAID.

A WET SUMMER MEANS ABUNDANT GROWTH OF GRASS AND UNDERGROWTH. ADDED TO THIS ARE THE DRIED VEGETATION, BRANCHES AND TREES FELLED DURING TYPHOON ELLEN'S PASSAGE LAST MONTH WHICH WILL ACT AS NATURAL FUEL IN THE EVENT OF A FIRE, MR IU SAID.

MR IU WARNED: +ALL IT TAKES ARE A FEW DAYS OF STRONG NORTHERLY WINDS AND ALL THE DAMP AND MOISTURE LAID DOWN DURING THE SUMMER WILL BE EVAPORATED.+

APART FROM THESE NATURAL ELEMENTS, MR IU SAID, THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT HAS ALSO TO GRAPPLE WITH THE HUMAN ELEMENTS WHICH ARE EQUALLY DIFFICULT TO CONTROL.

HE SAID: +FINE DRY WEATHER WILL BRING FORTH HOLIDAY-MAKERS BY THE THOUSANDS WHO, NATURALLY ENOUGH, WILL WANT TO HAVE THEIR PICNICS AND BARBECUES IN THE OPEN AIR.

+FARMERS TOO, TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE FINE WEATHER TO BURN OFF GRASS AND RUBBISH, THEREBY CONTRIBUTING TO THE FIRE HAZARD.+

ALL FIRES ARE CAUSED BY CARELESSNESS AND CALLOUSNESS OF MAN, MR IU SAID.

+THE LOSS OF NATURAL HABITAT FOR OUR ALREADY SCANTY BIRD AND ANIMAL LIFE IS INESTIMABLE, AS IS THE DAMAGE CAUSED BY LOSS OF VEGETATION AND SOIL EROSION.+

HE APPEALED TO THE PUBLIC TO HEED THESE WARNINGS AND PROTECT THE COUNTRYSIDE FROM FIRE, PARTICULARLY DURING THE CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL.

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+OVER THE YEARS THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAS DEVELOPED EFFICIENT SYSTEMS OF FIRE PREVENTION, FIRE DETECTION AND FIRE FIGHTING.

+WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY AIR FORCE, THE ROYAL AIR FORCE AND THE CIVIL AID SERVICES, OUTBREAKS OF FIRE AND RESULTANT LOSSES ARE KEPT TO A MINIMUM.

+BUT I CAN SAY WITH CERTAINTY THAT WITH THE EXERCISE OF GREATER CARE AND RESPONSIBILITY ON THE PART OF THE PUBLIC, THESE LOSSES CAN BE FURTHER REDUCED OR EVEN COMPLETELY AVOIDED.+

MR IU DISCLOSED THAT A TOTAL OF 204 FIRES WERE DEALT WITH BY AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT IN THE COUNTRYSIDE LAST YEAR, WITH AFFECTED AREA TOTTALLING 846 HECTARES AND 30 300 TREES DAMAGED.

AFTER THE PRESS CONFERENCE, STAFF OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT DEMONSTRATED HOW HILLFIRES ARE PUT OUT.

THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY AIR FORCE ALSO DEMONSTRATED FIRE FIGHTING BY WATER BOMBING FROM A HELICOPTER.

TRADE, INDUSTRY CHIEF VISITS FACTORIES * * *

THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR E.P. HO TODAY (FRIDAY) VISITED A GARMENT FACTORY AND A DYEING AND PRINTING PLANT IN KWAI CHUNG AS PART OF HIS FAMILIARISATION PROGRAMME TO LOCAL INDUSTRY.

ON ARRIVAL AT MANHATTAN GARMENTS LTD. AT KWAI CHEONG ROAD, MR HO WAS GREETED BY THE MANAGING DIRECTOR, MR FRANCIS TIEN.

MANHATTAN GARMENTS HAS FOUR FACTORIES PRODUCING TROUSERS (MAINLY JEANS), SLACKS AND SHORTS. ABOUT 80 PER CENT OF THE COMPANY'S PRODUCTION IS TAKEN BY THE UNITED STATES, WHILE THE REMAINDER IS SOLD LOCALLY AND TO BRITAIN, WEST GERMANY AND THE NETHERLANDS.

MR HO ALSO VISITED ISLAND DYEING AND PRINTING CO. LTD. AT WO YIP HOP ROAD WHERE HE WAS MET AND ACCOMPANIED ON A TOUR OF THE FACTORY BY THE DIRECTOR, MR H.C. YUNG.

ABOUT 85 PER CENT OF FABRICS DYED, PRINTED AND FINISHED BY THE COMPANY IS SOLD LOCALLY, WHILE THE REST IS FOR EXPORT TO BRITAIN, WEST GERMANY, AUSTRALIA, USA AND NEW ZEALAND.

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FESTIVAL TRAFFIC PLAN DETAILED
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THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE NEW TERRITORIES FOR THE CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL:

WO HOP SHEK ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL VEHICULAR TRAFFIC, EXCEPT HEARSEs AND EMERGENCY VEHICLES, BETWEEN 4 AM AND 8 PM ON OCTOBER 9 (SUNDAY), 14 (FESTIVAL DAY), 15, 16 AND 23.

ON THE SAME DAYS FANLING PLAYGROUND ROAD, THE ROAD LEADING FROM TAI PO ROAD TO THE FANLING STATION FORECOURT AND PAK FUK TSUEN, WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC EXCEPT KMB BUSES AND RESIDENTS FOR LOCAL ACCESS BETWEEN 6 AM AND 6 PM. THE FANLING STATION FORECOURT WILL BE USED SOLELY BY THE SPECIAL SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE ON ROUTE 70R.

TWO-WAY TRAFFIC WILL BE MAINTAINED ON TAI PO ROAD THROUGHOUT THE FESTIVAL PERIOD. HOWEVER, THE FOLLOWING PROHIBITIONS WILL BE IMPOSED ON GOODS VEHICLES OVER 2-1/2 TONS:

<u>SECTION OF TAI PO ROAD</u>	<u>TRAFFIC DIRECTION</u>	<u>PROHIBITION PERIOD</u>
BETWEEN FANLING ROUNDABOUT AND LAM KAM ROAD	BOTH DIRECTIONS	6 AM - 6 PM
BETWEEN LAM KAM ROAD AND SHA TIN RACE COURSE	NORTHBOUND	6 AM - 12 NOON
BETWEEN LAM KAM ROAD AND SHA TIN RACE COURSE	SOUTHBOUND	12 NOON - 6 PM

NO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC, EXCEPT BUSES, EMERGENCY VEHICLES, HEARSEs AND VEHICLES WITH CLOSED ROAD PERMITS, WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER MAN KAM TO ROAD AT ITS JUNCTION WITH SAN FUNG AVENUE IN SHEUNG SHUI FROM 6 AM TO 6 PM DURING THE DAYS STATED. THE SAME PROHIBITION WILL ALSO COVER LO WU STATION ROAD.

THE ACCESS ROADS TO TSUEN WAN CEMETERY WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC, EXCEPT HEARSEs AND EMERGENCY VEHICLES, ON OCTOBER 14 AND 16 AND ON ANY OTHER DAYS DURING THE FESTIVAL PERIOD IF THE TRAFFIC SITUATION SO REQUIRES.

THE PUBLIC ARE ADVISED TO USE PUBLIC TRANSPORT AS NO PARKING FACILITIES WILL BE AVAILABLE IN WO HOP SHEK. AND PARKING SPACES IN SHEUNG SHUI, FANLING AND TSUEN WAN CEMETERY ARE LIMITED. VEHICLES PARKED ILLEGALLY MAY BE TOWED AWAY WITHOUT WARNING. PRIVATE CARS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO SET DOWN OR PICK UP PASSENGERS WITHIN ONE KILOMETRE ON TAI PO ROAD AND ON EITHER SIDE OF WO HOP SHEK ROAD.

/THE KOWLOON-CANTON

THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION WILL NOT OPERATE SPECIAL TRAINS TO WO HOP SHEK CEMETERY. HOWEVER, TRAIN SERVICES WILL BE AVAILABLE AT FANLING.

A SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE ON ROUTE 70R WILL OPERATE BETWEEN FANLING KCR STATION AND WO HOP SHEK. KMB ROUTE 69K WILL TERMINATE AT LUEN WO HUI AND BUSES ON ROUTE 78K WILL NOT STOP AT FANLING STATION.

GRAVE-SWEEPERS GOING TO SANDY RIDGE CAN EITHER TAKE ROUTE 73K BUSES RUNNING BETWEEN SHEUNG SHUI AND SAN UK LING, OR TRAVEL BY TRAIN TO LO WU.

GRAVE-SWEEPERS ARE ADVISED NOT TO USE THE VILLAGE FOOTPATHS SOUTH OF THE FANLING STATION AS THESE ARE NOW PART OF A CONSTRUCTION SITE AND ARE NOT SAFE FOR PUBLIC USE. INSTEAD, THEY ARE ADVISED TO FOLLOW THE PEDESTRIAN ROUTES FROM FANLING KCR STATION TO FANLING PLAYGROUND ROAD, FANLING ROUNDABOUT, TAI PO ROAD, WO HOP SHEK INTERCHANGE AND WO HOP SHEK ROAD.

SINCE SEVERE TRAFFIC CONGESTION IS EXPECTED AT TAI PO ROAD ON THE FESTIVAL DAY, IT IS BEST TO VISIT THE CEMETERIES ON NON-FESTIVAL DAYS.

TO ALLEVIATE CONGESTION ON THIS ROAD, THOSE GOING TO THE NORTHERN PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ARE ADVISED TO USE ROUTE TWISK AND FAN KAM ROAD OR CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND TUEN MUN HIGHWAY.

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ORCHESTRAL MUSIC TRAINING OFFERED
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OPPORTUNITY IS OFFERED FOR PEOPLE UNDER 17 YEARS OF AGE TO RECEIVE ORCHESTRAL MUSIC TRAINING.

THE MUSIC OFFICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT WILL BE SETTING UP THREE DISTRICT YOUTH STRING ORCHESTRAS -- ONE EACH IN HONG KONG, KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES -- FOR THIS PURPOSE.

SIMILAR DISTRICT WIND BANDS AND CHINESE ORCHESTRAS WERE SET UP BY THE MUSIC OFFICE DURING THE PAST FEW YEARS AS A POSITIVE STEP IN OFFERING YOUNG PEOPLE A CHANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN SERIOUS ORCHESTRAL MUSIC TRAINING.

THE DISTRICT YOUTH BANDS AND ORCHESTRAS ALSO SERVE AS A STIMULI TO MUSICAL ACTIVITIES IN VARIOUS LOCALITIES.

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THE THREE DISTRICT YOUTH STRING ORCHESTRAS AND THEIR REHEARSAL VENUES ARE :

* YOUTH STRING ORCHESTRA (HONG KONG)

HONG KONG MUSIC CENTRE,
9TH FLOOR, HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE,
2 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG
(TEL. : 5-283257)

* YOUTH STRING ORCHESTRA (KOWLOON)

YAU MA TEI MUSIC CENTRE,
2ND FLOOR, GOLDEN GATE COMMERCIAL BUILDING,
138 AUSTIN ROAD, KOWLOON
(TEL. : 3-7226240)

* YOUTH STRING ORCHESTRA (NEW TERRITORIES)

TSUEN WAN MUSIC CENTRE,
2ND FLOOR, CHEONG YIU BUILDING,
167-173 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN,
NEW TERRITORIES
(TEL. : 0-428127)

REHEARSALS WILL TAKE PLACE REGULARLY FROM 2.30 PM TO 4.30 PM ON SUNDAY AFTERNOONS.

RECRUITMENT AND ADMISSION ARE OPEN TO THOSE WHO ARE UNDER 17 YEARS OLD (AT SEPTEMBER 30) AND HAVE ATTAINED GRADE III OR ABOVE IN THE ROYAL SCHOOLS OF MUSIC PRACTICAL EXAMINATION IN A STRING INSTRUMENT (I.E. VIOLIN, VIOLA, VIOLONCELLO AND DOUBLE BASS) OR EQUIVALENT. PREVIOUS ORCHESTRAL EXPERIENCE WILL BE AN ADVANTAGE.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT ANY OF THE ABOVE THREE MUSIC CENTRES. APPLICATIONS FROM PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS CHILDREN MUST BE ENDORSED BY THEIR SCHOOL AUTHORITIES.

COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO ANY OF THE ABOVE THREE MUSIC CENTRES ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 31.

QUALIFIED APPLICANTS WILL BE INVITED FOR AN AUDITION AT A LATER DATE, AND SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES WILL BE ADMITTED TO ONE OF THE THREE DISTRICT YOUTH ORCHESTRAS.

APART FROM RECEIVING SYSTEMATIC AND INTENSIVE ORCHESTRAL TRAINING, THE YOUNG MUSICIANS WILL HAVE AMPLE OPPORTUNITIES TO PERFORM IN PUBLIC.

+SAFETY AT WORK+ TO BE SHOWN ON TV
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THE THIRD +SAFETY AT WORK+ TELEVISION PROGRAMME JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, RTHK AND THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIES WILL BE SCREENED ON HK-TVB'S JADE CHANNEL EVERY SUNDAY FROM 5.30 TO 6 PM FOR 13 WEEKS STARTING ON OCTOBER 9.

ANNOUNCING THE SCREENING SCHEDULE AT A PRESS CONFERENCE HELD AT RTHK THIS (FRIDAY) MORNING, ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR YIU YAN-NANG, POINTED OUT THAT THE PROGRAMME IS AIMED AT PROMOTING WORK SAFETY AS WIDELY AS POSSIBLE THROUGH TELEVISION AND PARTICIPATION BY WORKERS AND EMPLOYERS.

+I FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT PARTICIPATION BY WORKERS AND EMPLOYERS IS AN EFFECTIVE WAY OF PROMOTING SAFETY AT WORK,+ HE SAID.

MR YIU STRESSED THAT REDUCING THE NUMBER OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS REQUIRED CO-OPERATION AMONG THE PARTIES CONCERNED. IT WAS NOT ENOUGH FOR GOVERNMENT TO LAUNCH PUBLICITY PROGRAMMES AND TO ENACT LEGISLATION; IT ALSO REQUIRED EFFORTS BY EMPLOYERS TO INSTALL SAFETY EQUIPMENT AND TO MONITOR ITS USAGE, AS WELL AS CO-OPERATION BY EMPLOYEES IN OBSERVING SAFETY REGULATIONS.

+IN OTHER WORDS, IT'S A TRIPARTITE EFFORT BY GOVERNMENT, EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES,+ HE NOTED.

MR YIU EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THROUGH THE PROGRAMME EMPLOYERS AND WORKERS WOULD BECOME MORE AWARE OF THE NEED TO SUPPORT EFFORTS TO UPGRADE THE STANDARD OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY IN HONG KONG.

THE PROGRAMME, HE ADDED, IS AN EXCELLENT TELEVISION PRODUCTION AND ITS CONTENTS ARE BOTH ENTERTAINING AND EDUCATIONAL. EVEN WORKERS WHO ARE NOT ABLE TO TAKE PART IN THE PROGRAMME CAN PARTICIPATE IN A QUIZ ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY FOR HOME VIEWERS.

THE PROGRAMME CARRIES PRIZES WORTH MORE THAN \$300 000, MANY OF WHICH ARE BY COURTESY OF COMMERCIAL FIRMS.

THE FIRST PRIZE IS AN ALL-EXPENSES, 11-DAY TRIP TO THE WEST COAST OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE WINNING TEAM, WITH AIR TICKETS PROVIDED BY SHUI ON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LTD.

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SCHOOLS URGED TO SET UP ROAD SAFETY TEAMS
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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAS CALLED ON ALL SCHOOLS TO SET UP THEIR OWN SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL TEAMS, TO HELP TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS ON THE ROAD INVOLVING SCHOOL CHILDREN.

IN A RECENT CIRCULAR TO ALL SCHOOLS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT NOTED THAT THE AGE GROUP MOST AT RISK IN CROSSING THE ROAD IS BETWEEN SIX AND 14 YEARS.

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+IN THIS RESPECT, SUPERVISORS AND HEADS OF SCHOOLS, PARTICULARLY PRIMARY SCHOOLS, ARE URGED TO SERIOUSLY CONSIDER ESTABLISHING THEIR OWN SCHOOL CROSSING PATROLS,+ HE SAID.

A SCHOOL WISHING TO OPERATE A SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL SHOULD APPOINT ONE OR MORE SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL OFFICERS FROM AMONG ITS STAFF, AND APPLY FOR A SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL PERMIT FROM THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE THROUGH LOCAL POLICE STATIONS.

IF APPROVED, THE SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL OFFICER(S) WILL BE PROVIDED WITH THE NECESSARY TRAINING BY THE ROAD SAFETY SECTION OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE.

+HEADS OF SCHOOLS SHOULD ENSURE THAT CONDITIONS OUTLINED ON THE PERMIT, SUCH AS WEARING DISTINCTIVE CLOTHING AND USING A PRESCRIBED SIGN, ARE COMPLIED WITH, AND THAT PATROL DUTIES ARE NOT ENTRUSTED TO PUPILS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE ADDED THAT THE ROAD SAFETY ASSOCIATION HAS OFFERED TO REGARD THE SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL OFFICERS AS PART OF THE SCHOOL ROAD SAFETY PATROLS ORGANISED BY THE ASSOCIATION AND WILL PROVIDE THE NECESSARY FUND FOR THE PROVISION OF THE DISTINCTIVE CLOTHING AND THE PRESCRIBED SIGN.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID SCHOOL HEADS WHO HAVE ANY QUERIES ABOUT THE PATROL TEAMS CAN CALL ON MISS SHIRLEY CHOI OF THE ROAD SAFETY ASSOCIATION OR ANY DISTRICT EDUCATION OFFICER.

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NEW SPORTS CENTRE PLANNED FOR TSUEN WAN
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PLANS TO BUILD A \$20-MILLION SPORTS CENTRE IN THE TSUEN WAN RECLAMATION ARE UNDERWAY, THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONER, MR ADOLF HSU, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE CENTRE, TO BE BUILT BY THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT SPORTS AND RECREATION ASSOCIATION, WILL BE AN EIGHT-STORY BUILDING WITH A GYMNASIUM, TENNIS COURTS, A CONFERENCE ROOM, AN ADMINISTRATION BLOCK AND A SPORTSGROUND WITH ROOM FOR MORE THAN 1 000 PEOPLE.

MR HSU WAS SPEAKING AT THE SWEARING-IN CEREMONY OF THE FIFTH TERM OFFICE-BEARERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

HE SAID THE DISTRICT OFFICE WOULD HELP, WHENEVER NECESSARY, IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SPORTS CENTRE.

THE ASSOCIATION HAD BEEN VERY ACTIVE IN PROMOTING SPORTING ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT, HE SAID.

HE ALSO SAID THAT THE ASSOCIATION'S EXPENDITURE FOR THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR WAS ESTIMATED AT \$370 000, OF WHICH \$200 000 WOULD COME FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD.

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ROAD SAFETY MESSAGE FOR TSUEN WAN RESIDENTS

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THE +ROAD ACCIDENTS WRECK LIVES+ MESSAGE WAS CONVEYED TO TSUEN WAN RESIDENTS THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING THROUGH FOUR HOURS OF EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES HELD AT THE SHA TSUI ROAD PLAYGROUND.

THE ROAD SAFETY NIGHT, WHICH BEGAN AT 6 PM, INCLUDED A CYCLING COMPETITION, A MINI ROAD SAFETY TOWN, A SEAT BELT DEMONSTRATION, AND A PARADE BY THE ROAD SAFETY PATROL TEAMS.

SPEAKING AT AN OPENING CEREMONY, THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS ELAINE CHUNG, SAID THE THEME FOR THIS YEAR'S PUBLICITY DRIVE WAS ON SAFETY FOR THE PEDESTRIANS AND THE TARGET GROUP WAS CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE.

+STATISTICS FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF THIS YEAR SHOW THAT 35 PER CENT OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS WERE PEDESTRIANS AND THE MAJORITY OF THEM WERE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE,+ SHE SAID.

TONIGHT'S EVENT WAS THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE DISTRICT'S ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN BEING ORGANISED BY THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD AND THE POLICE.

ALSO INCLUDED IN THE CAMPAIGN WILL BE AN ON-STREET EDUCATION PROGRAMME BY THE POLICE, TO BE FOLLOWED BY PROSECUTION OF CARELESS MOTORISTS AND JAYWALKERS.

ALSO PRESENT AT THE CEREMONY WERE THE POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR D.J. GALLOWAY, AND THE DIVISIONAL SUPERINTENDENT, TRAFFIC DIVISION (NEW TERRITORIES), MR RON CLIBBORN-DYER.

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TECHNICAL INSTITUTES OFFER SHORT COURSES

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APPLICATIONS ARE NOW INVITED FOR 76 SHORT COURSES OFFERED BY THE FIVE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES UNDER THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL FOR SESSION 1983/84.

THESE SHORT COURSES COVER A WIDE RANGE OF TECHNICAL AND COMMERCIAL SUBJECTS TO UPDATE THE SKILLS OR KNOWLEDGE OF PEOPLE EMPLOYED.

THE TECHNICAL SUBJECTS INCLUDE CONSTRUCTION, ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, MARINE AND FABRICATION, TEXTILE, CLOTHING AND DESIGN.

LAW, TAXATION, ACCOUNTING, MANAGEMENT THEORY AND COMPUTER PROCESSING ARE SOME OF THE COMMERCIAL STUDIES OFFERED.

/CLASS MEETINGS

CLASS MEETINGS ARE NORMALLY HELD IN THE EVENINGS FROM 7 PM TO 9 PM.

DETAILS OF THE SHORT COURSES WILL BE ADVERTISED TOMORROW (SATURDAY) WHILE APPLICATION FORMS AND GUIDES CAN BE OBTAINED IN PERSON FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICES AND THE FIVE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES, NAMELY, MORRISON HILL, KWAI CHUNG, KWUN TONG, HAKING WONG AND LEE WAI LEE.

COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES CONCERNED BY OCTOBER 22.

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SEMINAR ON MEDICAL CAREERS ORGANISED
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A SEMINAR ON CAREER IN THE MEDICAL FIELD WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (SATURDAY) FOR SECONDARY AND POST-SECONDARY STUDENTS IN WONG TAI SIN.

THE SEMINAR IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE WONG TAI SIN COMMUNITY HEALTH PROMOTION ASSOCIATION.

THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PHILIP CHOK SAID THE SEMINAR WAS THE FIRST OF ITS TYPE ORGANISED IN THE DISTRICT.

+THE AIM IS TO PROVIDE STUDENTS INTENDING TO CHOOSE A CAREER IN THE MEDICAL FIELD WITH SOME BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROFESSION,+ HE SAID.

PARTICIPANTS WILL ALSO BE BRIEFED ON THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS, DURATION AND THE CONTENT OF TRAINING, INSTITUTES PROVIDING SUCH TRAINING AND SALARY STRUCTURE.

ABOUT 500 STUDENTS HAVE BEEN INVITED TO THE SEMINAR TO BE HELD IN THE LOK SIN TONG WONG CHUNG MING SECONDARY SCHOOL STARTING AT 2 PM.

FIVE MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS WILL BE INVITED TO TALK ON THE WORK OF DOCTORS, GENERAL MEDICAL AND ADMINISTRATION STAFF, NURSES, PHARMACISTS, DISPENSERS, RADIOGRAPHERS, LABORATORY TECHNICIANS, AND PHYSIO AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS.

FREE ADMISSION TICKETS TO THE SEMINAR ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE MAIN OFFICE AND THE TUNG TAU BRANCH OFFICE OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE AT 3-222261 OR 3-832368.

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